THE PROVINCIAL MEDIATION BOARD TRUST ACCOUNTS

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

For the Year Ended March 31, 2001

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AUDITOR'S REPORT

To the Members of the Legislative Assembly of Saskatchewan

I have audited the statement of financial position of the Provincial Mediation Board Trust Accounts as at March 31, 2001 and the statement of receipts, disbursements and trust account balances for the year then ended. The Provincial Mediation Board's management is responsible for preparing these financial statements for Treasury Board's approval. My responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on my audit.

I conducted my audit in accordance with Canadian generally accepted auditing standards. Those standards require that I plan and perform an audit to obtain reasonable assurance whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation.

In my opinion, these financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Provincial Mediation Board Trust Accounts as at March 31, 2001 and the results of its operations and the changes in its financial position for the year then ended in accordance with Canadian generally accepted accounting principles.

Regina, Saskatchewan
July 31, 2001

Fred Wendel, CMA, CA
Acting Provincial Auditor

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION
As of March 31

	2001	2000
ASSETS		
Due from General Revenue Fund (Note 4)	$ 113,751	$ 215,780
Total assets	$ 113,751	$ 215,780
LIABILITIES		
Trust account balances (Statement 2)		
Orderly payment of debts program	$ 93,174	$ 189,664
Consumer proposals	14,154	10,671
Mediation of debts program	5,483	13,625
Tax enforcement proceedings	940	1,820
Total liabilities	$ 113,751	$ 215,780

(See accompanying notes to the financial statements)

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STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS, DISBURSEMENTS AND TRUST ACCOUNT BALANCES
Year Ended March 31

	2001	2000
ORDERLY PAYMENT OF DEBTS PROGRAM		
Receipts from clients	$ 984,004	$ 789,667
Payments to creditors	(916,704)	(608,160)
Payments to Department of Justice	(163,790)	(110,189)
(Decrease) Increase in Trust balance	(96,490)	71,318
Balance, beginning of year	189,664	118,346
Balance, end of year to Statement 1	$ 93,174	$ 189,664
CONSUMER PROPOSALS		
Receipts from clients	$ 89,823	$ 100,285
Interest from General Revenue Fund (Note 4)	1,275	1,380
Payments to creditors	(79,613)	(124,782)
Payments to Department of Justice	(8,002)	(16,659)
Increase (Decrease) in Trust Balance	3,483	(39,776)
Balance, beginning of year	10,671	50,447
Balance, end of year to Statement 1	$ 14,154	$ 10,671
MEDIATION OF DEBTS PROGRAM		
Receipts from clients	$ 90,501	$ 81,249
Payments to creditors	(91,280)	(75,648)
Payments to Department of Justice	(7,363)	(5,359)
(Decrease) Increase in Trust balance	(8,142)	242
Balance, beginning of year	13,625	13,383
Balance, end of year to Statement 1	$ 5,483	$ 13,625
TAX ENFORCEMENT PROCEEDINGS		
Receipts from property owners	$ 17,720	$ 23,320
Payments to municipalities	(840)	(2,830)
Payments to Department of Justice	(17,760)	(19,860)
(Decrease) increase in Trust Balance	(880)	630
Balance, beginning of year	1,820	1,190
Balance, end of year to Statement 1	$ 940	$ 1,820

(See accompanying notes to the financial statements)

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
March 31, 2001

1. Legislative Authority

The Trust Accounts were established for the purpose of receiving and disbursing monies for persons who have entered into negotiations for the settlement of debts, either through *The Provincial Mediation Board Act*, *The Tax Enforcement Act*, Orderly Payment of Debts Regulations or through the Consumer Proposals Program.

2. Accounting Policies

These financial statements are prepared in accordance with Canadian generally accepted accounting principles.

3. Related Party Transactions

In accordance with established government practice, the Trust Accounts have not been charged with any administrative costs and no provision for such costs is reflected in these statements. These costs are borne by the Department of Justice from monies appropriated by the Legislature for such purposes.

Under Parts III and X of *The Bankruptcy and Insolvency Act*, the Consumer Proposals and the Orderly Payment of Debts Consolidation Orders are subject to application and administration fees which are recorded as revenue for the Department of Justice. These fees are included in the receipts and payments under the Orderly Payment of Debts Program, Consumer Proposals, Mediation of Debts Program and Tax Enforcement Proceedings.

4. Due From General Revenue Fund

The Provincial Mediation Board's bank accounts are included in the Consolidated Offset Bank Concentration (COBC) arrangement for the Government of Saskatchewan.

The bank account set up to handle Consumer Proposals earns interest that is calculated and paid by the General Revenue Fund on a quarterly basis into the Trust's bank account using the Government's 30 day borrowing rate and the Trust's average daily bank account balance. Interest is allocated to clients based on their balances.

No interest is paid into the bank account used for the remaining programs.